



United States of America
National Labor Relations Board
NOTICE OF ELECTION



PURPOSE OF ELECTION: This election is to determine whether employees desire to continue in effect the union-security agreement included within the provisions of the present collective bargaining contract. Under such an agreement, the employer and the union may require that employees make certain lawful payments to the union in order to retain their jobs. Only one valid representation election may be held in a 12-month period. **NOTE: A majority of employees eligible to vote will determine the result of this election rather than a majority of those voting, which is the rule in elections involving choice of a bargaining representative.**

SECRET BALLOT: The election will be by secret ballot carried out through the U.S. mail under the supervision of the Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Voters will be allowed to vote without interference, restraint, or coercion. Employees eligible to vote will receive in the mail *Instructions to Employees Voting by United States Mail*, a ballot, a blue envelope, and a yellow self-addressed envelope needing no postage. A sample of the official ballot is shown on the next page of this Notice.

ELIGIBILITY RULES: Employees eligible to vote are those described under the VOTING UNIT on the next page and include employees who did not work during the designated payroll period because they were ill or on vacation or temporarily laid off. Employees who have quit or been discharged for cause since the designated payroll period and who have not been rehired or reinstated prior to the date of this election are not eligible to vote.

CHALLENGE OF VOTERS: An agent of the Board or an authorized observer may question the eligibility of a voter. Such challenge *must* be made at the time the ballots are counted.

AUTHORIZED OBSERVERS: Each party may designate an equal number of observers, this number to be determined by the NLRB. These observers (a) act as checkers at the counting of ballots; (b) assist in identifying voters; (c) challenge voters and ballots; and (d) otherwise assist the NLRB.

METHOD AND DATE OF ELECTION

The election will be conducted by United States mail. The mail ballots will be mailed to employees employed in the appropriate collective-bargaining unit. At 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021, ballots will be mailed to voters from the National Labor Relations Board, Subregion 34, 450 Main St Ste 410, Hartford, CT 06103-3078. Voters must sign the outside of the envelope in which the ballot is returned. **Any ballot received in an envelope that is not signed will be automatically void.**

Those employees who believe that they are eligible to vote and did not receive a ballot in the mail by Wednesday, February 24, 2021, should communicate immediately with the National Labor Relations Board by either calling the Subregion 34 Office at (860)240-3522 or our national toll-free line at 1-844-762-NLRB (1-844- 762-6572).

All the ballots will be commingled and counted virtually, on a platform (such as Zoom, Skype, WebEx, etc.) to be determined by the Regional Director on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. In order to be valid and counted, the returned ballots must be received in the Subregion 34 Office prior to the counting of the ballots.



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VOTING UNIT

EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

Those eligible to vote are: All full-time and regular part-time bus drivers employed by the Employer at its Meriden, Connecticut location who were employed during the payroll period ending January 16, 2021.

EMPLOYEES NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

Those not eligible to vote are: All other employees, including trainers, monitors, aides, dispatchers, and guards, professional employees, and supervisors as defined in the Act.

	<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA National Labor Relations Board 01-UD-271476 OFFICIAL SECRET BALLOT For certain employees of NEW BRITAIN TRANSPORTATION</p>	
<p>Do you wish to withdraw the authority of INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL UNION NO. 677 to require, under its agreement with the employer, that employees make certain lawful payments to the union in order to retain their jobs?</p>		
<p>MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE</p>		
<p>YES</p> <div></div>	<p>NO</p> <div></div>	
<p>DO NOT SIGN OR WRITE YOUR NAME OR INCLUDE OTHER MARKINGS THAT WOULD REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY. MARK AN "X" IN THE SQUARE OF YOUR CHOICE ONLY. If you make markings inside, or anywhere around, more than one square, you may request a new ballot by referring to the enclosed instructions. If you submit a ballot with markings inside, or anywhere around, more than one square, your ballot will not be counted.</p> <p>The National Labor Relations Board does not endorse any choice in this election. Any markings that you may see on any sample ballot have not been put there by the National Labor Relations Board.</p>		

WARNING: This is the only official notice of this election and must not be defaced by anyone. Any markings that you may see on any sample ballot or anywhere on this notice have been made by someone other than the National Labor Relations Board, and have not been put there by the National Labor Relations Board. The National Labor Relations Board is an agency of the United States Government, and does not endorse any choice in the election.



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UNDER THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT employees have the right:

- To self organization
 - To form, join, or assist labor organizations
 - To bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing
 - To act together for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection
- To refuse to do any or all of these things unless the union and employer, in a State where such agreements are permitted, enter into a lawful union-security agreement requiring employees to pay periodic dues and initiation fees. Nonmembers who inform the union that they object to the use of their payments for nonrepresentational purposes may be required to pay only their share of the union's costs of representational activities (such as collective bargaining, contract administration, and grievance adjustment).

It is the responsibility of the National Labor Relations Board to protect employees in the exercise of these rights.

The Board wants all eligible voters to be fully informed about their rights under Federal law and wants both Employers and Unions to know what is expected of them when it holds an election.

If agents of either Unions or Employers interfere with your right to a free, fair, and honest election the election can be set aside by the Board. When appropriate, the Board provides other remedies, such as reinstatement for employees fired for exercising their rights, including backpay from the party responsible for their discharge.

The following are examples of conduct that interfere with the rights of employees and may result in setting aside of the election:

- Threatening loss of jobs or benefits by an Employer or a Union
- Promising or granting promotions, pay raises, or other benefits, to influence an employee's vote by a party capable of carrying out such promises
- An Employer firing employees to discourage or encourage union activity or a Union causing them to be fired to encourage union activity
- Making campaign speeches to assembled groups of employees on company time, where attendance is mandatory, within the 24-hour period before the polls for the election first open or the mail ballots are dispatched in a mail ballot election
- Incitement by either an Employer or a Union of racial or religious prejudice by inflammatory appeals
- Threatening physical force or violence to employees by a Union or an Employer to influence their votes

The National Labor Relations Board protects your right to a free choice.

Improper conduct will not be permitted. All parties are expected to cooperate fully with this Agency in maintaining basic principles of a fair election as required by law.

Anyone with a question about the election may contact the NLRB Office at (860)240-3522 or visit the NLRB website www.nlrb.gov for assistance.

